

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF POLICE

OF THE

CITY OF FALL RIVER,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

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Report of the Board of Police.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE,

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 1, 1925.

To His Honor Edmond P. Talbot, Mayor.

Fall River, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The Board of Police for the city of Fall River, in compliance with the provisions of chapter 351 of the Acts of 1894, respectfully submits the following report of the work of the police department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1924:

THE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICERS.

The Police Department, as at present constituted, is composed of:

Chief of Police,	1
Deputy Chief of Police,	1
Captains,	6
Inspectors,	6
Lieutenants,	9
Clerk to Chief of Police (Lieutenant)	1
Sergeants,	4
Patrolmen	155
Reserve Officers,	29
Matrons,	2
Special Police Officers (Female)	2
Total	216

DISTRIBUTION OF POLICE FORCE,
DEC. 31, 1924.

RANK	Special Squads	Headquarters	DIVISIONS				Totals
			1	2	3	4	
Chief of Police		1					1
Deputy Chief of Police		1					1
Captains		2	1	1	1	1	6
Inspectors		6					6
Clerk to Chief		1					1
Lieutenants	1		3	1	2	2	9
Sergeants			3	1			4
Patrolmen	10	2	76	22	22	23	155*
Reserve Officers			16	3	5	5	29
Matrons			2				2
Special Police Officers	2						2
Totals	13	13	101	28	30	31	216

* 2 mounted; 2 detailed on special duty at headquarters; 8 assigned to house duty; 4 assigned to duty in the garage; 10 assigned to traffic duty; 10 assigned to automobile and liquor squads at headquarters.

IN MEMORIAM

ISAIE LaPLANTE

DIED FEBRUARY 11, 1924

Appointed a Member of the Board of Police

October 6, 1915.

DEATHS.

Patrolman James Hampston died Mar. 13, 1924.
He was appointed to the regular force Apr. 30, 1907.

PENSIONS.

NAME	Retirement Effective	Date appointed to the Reg. Force
Capt. Benjamin Mahoney	April 7, 1924.	March 5, 1883.
Capt. Jeremiah Fahey	July 17, 1924.	Feb. 16, 1883.
Capt. James Waring	Dec. 1, 1924.	Feb. 2, 1895.
Capt. Dennis Desmond	Dec. 1, 1924.	Apr. 4, 1881.
Patrolman John O'Reilly	Dec. 8, 1924.	Feb. 2, 1895.

PROMOTIONS.

Name and Rank	Promoted to:	Effective	Appointed to Regular Force
Lieut. James Waring	Captain	May 5, 1924	Feb. 2, 1895
Sergt. James Kane	Lieutenant	June 9, 1924	Jul. 2, 1906
Patrol. Hugh Kenney	Sergeant	June 9, 1924	Ap. 13, 1909
Lieut. Abel Violette	Captain	Jul. 21, 1924	Ap. 13, 1900
Sergt. J. P. McMullen	Lieutenant	Jul. 21, 1924	Oct. 21, 1898
Patrol. James Joyce	Sergeant	Jul. 21, 1924	Mar. 5, 1900
Lieut. Wm. O'Brien	Captain	Dec. 8, 1924	Mar. 13, 1903
Lieut. Hugh Bogan	Captain	Dec. 8, 1924	Aug. 17, 1905
Sergt. Dan. F. Murphy	Lieutenant	Dec. 15, 1924	Aug. 28, 1905
Patrol. J. McCloskey	Sergeant	Dec. 15, 1924	Ap. 26, 1912

COMPLAINTS.

Detail	Rank	Nature of Complaint	Disposition
Div. 1	Patrolman	Conduct Unbecoming an officer	Dismissed as frivolous.
Div. 1	Patrolman	Conduct Unbecoming an officer	Suspended from duty without pay for three months.
Div. 3	Lieutenant	Conduct Unbecoming an officer	Dismissed.
Div. 1	Patrolman	Conduct Unbecoming an officer	Reprimanded.

APPOINTMENTS.

Seventeen Patrolmen have been appointed to the regular force, as follows:

NAME	Appointment Took Effect	Length of Service on Reserve Force	
		Months	Days
Daniel J. Dickinson	Mar. 24, 1924.	24	3
John W. Higginson	June 2, 1924.	26	13
Arthur Messier	June 2, 1924.	26	13
Napoleon O. Hubert	June 2, 1924.	26	13
John A. Dempsey	June 2, 1924.	26	13
William Lyons	June 2, 1924.	26	13
Joseph Ponte	June 2, 1924.	26	13
Percy Woodruff	June 9, 1924.	26	20
Robert Hall	July 21, 1924.	30	1
James J. Regan	Sept. 1, 1924.	28	14
Manuel Martin	Sept. 1, 1924.	28	14
Thomas L. Fallon	Sept. 1, 1924.	28	14
Raymond Lennon	Sept. 1, 1924.	28	14
Manuel Morris Jr.	Sept. 1, 1924.	28	14
Nicholas Bugara	Sept. 1, 1924.	28	14
Homer Leblanc	Dec. 8, 1924.	33	10
Daniel F. Sullivan	Dec. 15, 1924.	33	17

Seventeen Reserve Officers have been appointed, as follows:

Name	Appointment took effect	Age	Birthplace	Previous Occupation
Andrew J. McDonald Jr.	April	33	Fall River	Electrician
Michael J. Shea	June	33	Joliet, Ill.	Loomfixer
Anthony J. Morley	June	32	Fall River	Machinist
Albert Bradbury	June	26	Fall River	Comber
William H. Fanning	June	27	Fall River	Steamfitter
John Bryant	June	29	Fall River	Machinist
Cornelius E. McMullen	June	27	Fall River	Laborer
Charles F. Kelley	June	26	Fall River	Letter Carrier
Michael J. Williams	July	25	Fiskdale, Mass.	Salesman
John H. Hearn	Sept.	30	Dover, N. H.	Steamfitter
Joseph A. Caisse	Sept.	28	Fall River	Store Manager
John F. Flynn	Sept.	26	Fall River	Loomfitter
William J. Gregory	Sept.	27	Fall River	Assembler
Henry J. Desrosiers	Sept.	32	Fall River	Chauffeur
Ernest Boucher	Sept.	30	Sandy Bay, Can.	Blacksmith
Alfred J. Caron	Dec.	31	Fall River	Ledgeman
Ralph J. Hall	Dec.	29	Fitchburg	Steamfitter

 WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The number of persons arrested during the year ending Dec. 31, 1924 was 4459 against 5064 for the preceding year, a decrease of 605 or 11.94 per centum.

The following table is a comparative statement of arrested for this year with those of the preceding year, and the average arrests for the ten years from 1914 to 1923 inclusive:

Nature of Offences	1923	1924	Average for Ten Years 1914-1923
Offences against the person,	359	240	315
Offences against property committed with violence,	158	110	170
Offences against property committed without violence,	228	212	281
Malicious offences against property,	53	23	50
Forgery and offences against the currency,	8	9	10
Offences against the license laws,	9	25	41
Offences against chastity, morality, etc.,	147	150	147
Offences not included in the foregoing,	4102	3690	3249
Total,	5064	4459	4263

The number of males arrested was 4172; of females, 287; of foreigners, 1996; of non-residents, 476. 151 were delivered to other authorities; 903 released as first offenders within twelve months for drunkenness; and 3405 were held for trial.

The number of arrests for the year is increased of 458 or 11.2 per cent over the average for the ten preceding years. The number of arrests for the year is 3.4 per cent of the population.

The number of males arrested during the year is a decrease of 489, or 10.4 per cent less than the number of males arrested during the preceding year; and an increase of 483 or 13.09 per cent over the average for the ten preceding years.

The number of females arrested during the year is a decrease of 116 or 28.53 per cent less than the number of females arrested during the preceding year; and a decrease of 84 or 22.5 per cent less than the average for the ten preceding years.

The number of non-residents arrested during the year is 10.67 per cent of the total arrests. The number of non-residents arrested during the ten preceding years was 10.03 per cent of the total arrests for that time.

The number of foreigners arrested during the year is 35.7 per cent of the total arrests. The number arrested during the ten preceding years is 50.24 per cent of the total arrests for that time.

The value of lost property reported during the year was \$8,842.62.

The value of lost property restored was \$12,160.41, part of which was reported lost in 1923.

The value of stolen property reported during the year was \$142,012.15. The value of stolen property recovered was \$125,952.63.

The following table is a comparative statement of police work for ten years, from 1915 to 1924, inclusive:

Year	Population	Number of Arrests	Percentage of Arrests	Value of Lost Property Restored	Value of Stolen Property Recovered
1915	125,011	4,219	3.37	\$ 9,610.85	\$ 41,657.02
1916	124,787	4,512	3.62	9,073.71	26,669.92
1917	124,799	4,928	3.15	5,987.25	36,610.56
1918	119,295	3,512	2.84	11,095.42	44,866.80
1919	122,926	3,766	2.25	10,304.44	94,084.66
1920	124,843	3,055	2.44	11,533.33	70,152.08
1921	125,961	2,241	3.36	12,139.95	94,813.28
1922	128,487	5,011	3.90	9,563.36	136,978.20
1923	130,043	5,064	3.89	13,499.91	102,588.97
1924	130,885	4,459	3.40	12,160.41	125,952.63
Average	125,704	4.077	3.22	\$10,496.86	\$ 77,437.41

NUMBER OF ARRESTS AND NATURE OF OFFENCES.

NATURE OF OFFENCES.	Sex.			Juveniles.			Nativity		Residence		Disposition			
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Native	Foreign	Resident	Non-Resident	Held for Trial	Released	Delivered to Other Authorities	
Abandonment,	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Abortion, accessory to	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
'Abortion,	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Admitting minor to pool room, ..	7	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	1	6	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Adultery,	16	12	28	.....	.....	.....	20	8	21	7	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alien Firearms law, viol.	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	8	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Armed with a dangerous weapon	15	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	3	7	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assault & Battery, intent rape.	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assault and battery,	173	12	185	.....	.....	.....	62	123	171	14	185	.....	.....	.....
Assault on an officer,	16	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	10	6	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assault with a weapon,	22	3	25	.....	.....	.....	13	12	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assault intent robbery,	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Automobile law violation,	568	4	572	.....	.....	.....	358	214	407	165	511	.....	.....	61
Bastardy,	19	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	12	7	14	5	17	.....	.....	2
Bd. of Health Reg. Violation, ..	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bottle Law Violation,	15	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	8	7	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

NUMBER OF ARRESTS AND NATURE OF OFFENCES.

	65	6	71	53	18	65	6	64	7
Breaking, entering and larceny,									
Breaking and entering, Intent	5	1	6	5	1	6	.....	6	.....
larceny,	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
B. E. & Larceny, accessory to ..	2	.....	.....	2	.....	2	.....	2	.....
B. and E. attempted,	4	.....	.....	2	.....	3	.....	4	.....
Buying junk from a minor,	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Buying junk without license,	68	.....	68	38	30	57	11	66	2
City Ordinance Violation of ..	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Common drunkard, .....	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Common nightwalker,	5	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Common nuisance, keeping	79	5	84	3	2	5	.....	5	.....
Contempt of court, .....	.....	1	1	48	36	82	2	74	10
Concealing leased property,	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Conveying leased property,	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....
Crime against chastity,	2	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	2	.....
Cruelty to animals, .....				.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
DELINQUENT CHILDREN:									
Assault and battery,	3	.....	3	3	2	3	.....	3	.....
Attempt to break and enter, ..	6	.....	6	6	.....	6	.....	1	.....
Automobile law violation,	14	.....	14	14	.....	10	4	14	.....
B. & E. Int. Larceny,	7	.....	7	7	.....	7	.....	7	.....
Breaking, entering & larceny, ..	42	1	43	40	3	43	.....	43	.....
City Ordinance Violation of ..	16	.....	16	16	.....	16	.....	16	.....
Disorderly conduct,	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Drunkenness,	2	.....	2	2	.....	2	.....	2	.....
Escaped prisoner,	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....

AGES.

The ages of the prisoners were as follows:

Ages	Males	Females	Totals
Under 20,	519	32	551
20 and under 25	645	51	696
25 and under 30	553	35	588
30 and under 35	447	38	485
35 and under 40	498	29	527
40 and under 45	444	31	475
45 and under 50	404	17	421
50 and under 55	323	24	347
55 and under 60	172	14	186
60 and over,	167	16	183
Totals:	4172	287	4459

 NATIVITIES:

The nativities were as follows:

Nativities	Male	Female	Total
Africa	1		1
Austria	55	6	61
Azores & St. Michaels	440	17	457
Belgium,	4		4
Brazil	17		17
British Provinces	9		9
Canada	551	28	579
China	6		6
Egypt	3		3
England	236	26	262
Finland	3		3
France	7		7
Germany	2	1	3
Greece	8		8
Ireland	139	20	159
Italy	45	2	47
Norway	9		9
Poland	203	26	229
Portugal	207	9	216
Roumania	1		1
Russia	62		62
Scotland	27	2	29
South America	2		2
Sweden	5		5
Switzerland	1		1
Syria	47		47
Turkey	5		5
United States	2077	150	2227
Totals,	4172	287	4459

The following is a statement of the arrests by wards for the year 1924:

WARDS.

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
January	65	37	52	15	60	42	45	2	23	341
February	38	23	48	15	51	41	66	2	32	316
March	53	30	60	25	70	45	85	7	23	403
April	34	40	54	19	64	44	91	6	14	366
May	53	36	63	17	69	48	92	9	26	413
June	49	26	27	26	65	38	70	5	24	330
July	36	32	47	12	56	35	118	2	29	367
August	39	33	56	25	48	44	82	4	21	352
September	47	45	40	36	59	31	101	—	33	392
October	65	52	52	14	49	44	136	5	37	454
November	24	32	39	24	62	32	121	7	10	351
December	40	37	38	28	57	53	82	5	34	374
Total	548	423	576	256	710	497	1,039	54	306	4459

DRUNKENNESS.

There were 1726 persons arrested for drunkenness, against 2184 for the preceding year, a decrease of 458, or 20.97 per cent.

Seven hundred, fifty-nine, or 43.96 per cent, were of foreign birth.

The number of arrests for drunkenness during the year is 1.31 per cent of the population. The percentage for the ten preceding years was 1.36 per centum. The number of arrests for drunkenness this year is an increase of 12, or .7 per cent, over the average for the ten preceding years.

JUVENILES.

The number of juvenile offenders (those under seventeen years of age) was 246, against 403 for the preceding year—a decrease of 157, or 38.9 per cent. Eighteen, or 7.2 per cent were of foreign birth.

The number of juvenile offenders for the year is a decrease of 189, or 43.4 per cent less than the average for the ten preceding years.

INVESTIGATION DIVISION.

The following statistics of this branch of the service are included in general statement of the work of the department:

 MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

Number of cases investigated,	918
Number of persons arrested,	384
Number of days in Second District Court	275
Value of stolen property recovered,	\$43,680.11
Value of lost property restored,	\$ 525.00

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

Accidents reported,	1712
Buildings found open,	213
Cases investigated,	7770
Defective Sidewalks reported,	16
Defective Streets reported,	39
Defective Water Pipes reported,	7
Fire alarms given,	212
Fires extinguished without alarm,	359
Fires, men on duty at	1714
Lost children restored to parents,	201
Search warrants served,	40
Stray teams cared for,	5
Street obstructions removed,	9

LICENSES.

The law regulating the number of places which may be licenced for the sale of liquors in all cities and towns, except Boston, which voted to grant licenses of the first seven classes, provides that the number of places licensed shall not exceed 1 for each 1,000 of the population, as ascertained by the last preceding national or state census.

By vote of the people licenses were granted for the sale of liquors in this city for the year ending April 30, 1925. The number of places licensed was 32, namely, druggists' (Third Class) licenses: one fifth class license was also granted.

The total amount of money paid into the city treasury for said liquor licenses was \$32. Of this amount, 25 per cent, or \$8., is paid to the treasury of the Commonwealth, and the balance, or \$24, is revenue for the city.

Chapter 423 of the Acts of 1909 relative to the sale of ice cream, confectionery, soda water, and fruit on the Lord's Day, was accepted by the City Council July 26, 1909. The fee for the year for licenses under said chapter was fixed at \$5. and the amount received was \$1975. which is revenue for the city.

Under the provisions of Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1910, the fee for licenses as innholders and common victuallers for the year was fixed at \$5. and the amount received for such licenses was \$900. which is revenue for the city.

Under the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, the fee for licenses to be retail vendors of soft drinks for the year ending April 30, 1925 was fixed at \$1. and the amount received was \$469. which is revenue for the city.

The total amount collected for licenses issued was \$3,522.00.

The following table exhibits the number of licenses of all kinds issued, etc., during the year ending Nov. 30, 1924:

Class and fee	Licenses Issued	Licenses Revoked	Licenses Transferred	License Applications Rejected
Liquor: Third Class, \$1.	33			
Liquor: Fifth Class, \$1.	1			
Ice Cream, Confectionery, Soda Water and Fruit on the Lord's Day, fee \$5. Full term:	386	14	9	6
Part term:	24			
Common Victualler, fee \$5.	172	9	5	4
Part term:	20			
Innholders, fee \$5.	9			
Public Lodging House, fee \$1.	101	2		
Retail Vendors of Soft Drinks, fee \$1.	469	10	9	8

POLICE SIGNAL SYSTEM.

One hundred and twelve police signal boxes are now in use. There were 81,714 telephone messages and 542,874 on-duty calls sent in during the year.

AUTOMOBILE PATROL SERVICE.

One automobile patrol wagon and one emergency touring automobile are used in the service.

The patrol wagon made 2,062 runs, covered 4,211 miles, and conveyed 2,103 prisoners to the station houses.

The cost of improving and maintaining the police signal system was \$13,246.65. The expenditures were as follows:

Automobile, new,	\$	835.36	
Box repairs,		214.48	
Call light system,		80.48	
Express and freight,		380.11	
Line construction,		1,090.42	
New Signal Boxes,		955.01	
Office supplies,		30.48	
Register paper,		115.50	
Salaries, Supt. and 2 men,		8,232.43	
Shop tools, supplies, etc.,		53.31	
Station apparatus,		789.55	
Underground construction,		79.25	
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Total for Signal System,	\$	12,856.39	
Patrol automobiles,	7.65		
Building lights,	382.61		390.26
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Grand Total			\$13,246.65

FINANCIAL.

Requisitions were made on the city council for the sum of \$503,391.20 to meet the running expenses of the Department, including the police Signal system. The expenditures were as follows:

Advertising,	\$81.10
Automobile Patrol, Emergency touring, and Chief	

of Police touring automobile, Gasoline, oil, etc.,	1,387.13
Automobile supplies, repairs, and rentals,	1,649.41
Beds and bedding,	478.68
Claim settlements and counsel fees,	1,043.28
Clock repairs,	5.00
Decorating police buildings,	125.00
Directories,	54.00
Deodorants and disinfectants,	27.00
Express, freight, and teaming,	35.74
Fuel, for three division station houses,	909.16
Fuel Oil, Central Police Station,	1,840.80
Furniture and fixtures,	369.33
Gymnastic Equipment,	855.57
Horses, (2)	550.00
Identification Bureau,	131.89
Insecticides,	13.33
Insurance,	98.30
Janitor's Supplies,	427.20
Laundry Work,	460.65
Lecturing equipment and photographs,	106.00
Light and power, 4 station houses,	2,094.52
Medical treatment and supplies,	60.38
Military Drill,	355.00
Motorcycle purchased, and maintenance of four, .	1,138.86
Mounted police: Hay, grain, shoeing, etc.,	760.33
Newspapers, law books, publications,	237.32
Office Expenses (postage, telegrams, etc.)	123.79
Increased Department Expense Fund ..	232.20
Increased Department Expense Fund ..	355.99
Officers' Expenses (Transportation, food, etc.) .	504.10
Oil Burning apparatus,	182.15
Painting four station houses,	4,882.63
Prisoners' Expenses (transportation, food, etc.) .	1,441.05
Relocating Signal Box No. 23 (City was reim- bursed for this expenditure)	657.86
Repairs to station houses,	2,436.09

Salaries, exclusive of Signal System:	459,817.46
Signal System, maintenance and Salaries	13,246.55
Soap and soap powder,	139.24
Stationery, record Books, and printing,	1,571.60
Telephones,	968.50
Towels, linen, lavatory supplies,	104.53
Traffic officers' platforms,	418.00
Typewriter and repairs,	70.00
Uniforms and equipment,	1,300.32
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Total,	\$503,391.20

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK W. LAWSON, Chairman.

JOHN T. SWIFT.

HENRY F. NICKERSON.

Board of Police.

JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE



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